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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Yoshinobu KOMATSU, et al.

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FOR: ZINC-MODIFIED COMPOSITE POLYBASIC SALT, METHOD OF PREPARING  
THE SAME AND USE THEREOF

Date: March 6, 2001

The Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-10 and 12-15 in their entirety  
and without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--16. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to  
Claim 1, wherein the divalent metal ( $M^2$ ) in said formula is  
magnesium.

17. (New) A composite metal polybasic salt according to